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TO AMEMBASSY COTONOU

AMEMBASSY LOME

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SUBJECT: CONSULAR CONFERENCES

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FOR AMBASSADOR FROM ROSS

1. REFTEL ANNOUNCED UPCOMING OF CONSULAR CONFERENCE AT ACCRA SEPTEMBER 4 AND 5. ALTHOUGH COTONOU AND LOME DO NOT HAVE FULL-TIME CONSULAR OFFICERS, WE BELIEVE OFFICER PERFORMING CONSULAR FUNCTION WOULD BENEFIT FROM DISCUSSION OF MUTUAL PROBLEMS IN CONSULAR FIELD WITH DEPARTMENTAL REPRESENTATIVES AND WITH CONSULAR OFFICERS FROM OTHER AF POSTS.

2. CONFERENCE TOPICS WILL INCLUDE GENERAL VISA, PASSPORT AND SPECIAL CONSULAR SERVICES TOPICS AS WELL AS MORE SPECIFIC ITEMS SUCH AS FRAUD, BOULDER OPERATION, LIMITED RESTORATION OF TRWOV, PLUS A SEMINAR ENCOURAGING AN EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION ON ITEMS OF SPECIFIC INTEREST TO POSTS INVOLVED. MISS BARBARA WATSON, ADMINISTRATOR OF SCA, HAS AGREED TO CHAIR CONFERENCE. OTHER PARTICIPANTS WILL INCLUDE MEMBERS HER STAFF PLUS ED MAGUIRE, AF/EX.

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3. I WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR SUGGESTIONS FOR AGENDA ITEMS.

4. IF POSTS WILL TELEGRAPH NAMES OF PARTICIPANTS, DEPARTMENT
WILL CABLE TRAVEL AUTHORIZATION. SCA RECOMMENDS THAT OFFICERS
ACTUALLY PERFORMING CONSULAR FUNCTIONS AT POSTS ATTEND IF AT ALL
POSSIBLE. ROGERS

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